

Macon Township Planning Commission
Public Hearing
April 16, 2025
7:00 PM

Call to Order and Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Adam Smetka called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call called by Secretary, Ronda Miller. Present were Dean Montrief, Don DeJonghe, Ronda Miller and Yvonne Cadmus, Adam Smetka

Review of Agenda -

Adam Smetka

Open Public Hearing on Portable restroom ordinance (Supervisor will read the proposed ordinance,)

Dean Montrief read the ordinance.

Public Comments -

J. Brown 11658 Mills Macon Hwy. - Supported use of portable restroom on permanent basis due to its supporting the community, small businesses and fulfilling a need for public restrooms.

Didn't think they were an eyesore.

Judy Gilmore - Asked if there would be a fee or permit for use for weddings/events. Seems outlandish to restrict their use.

Kim Tucker 8759 Clinton Macon - commenting as a business owner, in support of portable restroom on permanent basis. Having a portable restroom at Macon Grocery serves the community.

Ed Scheffler Sr., 1126 Macon Hwy. - Pointed out that Lenawee Fuels has a portable restroom that is well maintained. He is grateful to Macon Grocery for their community support.

Closed Public Comments.

Open Public Hearing on proposed ordinance to increase the minimum square footage of new home construction to 1400 sq ft. and Proposed condition of new home construction to include a 2-car garage of 24x24'. (Supervisor will read the proposed ordinance).

Dean Montrief read the proposed ordinance.

Public Comments -

K Keeler 11658 Mills Macon - recently moved to Macon Twp, checked on zoning ordinances. Will be building on vacant property and is concerned with how this ordinance will affect their build. Asked about the code enforcements vs. zoning ordinances for things like properties with trash. Pointed out that surrounding townships have the following minimum requirements for new construction. Dundee - 1000 sq.ft. min., Milan 1000 sq. ft. min., Tecumseh Twp., 960 sq. ft. min. Also asked how can we get people to take responsibility for their property to help maintain the small town community.

J. Brown 11658 Mills Macon - Is trash problem due to zoning? Does not want a vote to increase sq ft. minimum.

Judy Gilmore - increasing sq ft on new construction makes it unaffordable. Is the overall concern trash? Will this help contain the "mess"?

Kim Tucker Macon Creek - read a poem about the area and our responsibility.

Closed Public Comments.

Open Public Hearing on proposed accessory building ordinance. (Supervisor will read the proposed ordinance.)

Dean Montrieff read the ordinance,

Public Comments

Ed Scheffler Sr, 1126 Macon Hwy. - Comment was why have all these rules on shipping containers and accessories buildings. Form a committee to help clean up properties.

Rachel Bliesner Macon Grocery - Give people a cost effective way to store their junk;.

K. Keener - Come up with an effective solution for people to store their stuff. Wants commission to reconsider this ordinance.

Judy Gilmore - The person who brought up this issue isn't here tonight. We should have the option to have shipping containers.

Close Public Comments.

Closed Public Hearing.

Dean made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Yvonne Cadmus seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ronda Miller

Planning Commission Secretary